



ARRL has declared 2023 to be the year of

the volunteers. They are recognizing all who have spent time, giving of themselves to foreword the art, emergency communications and camaraderie of amateur radio. Our 7.272 Ragchew net, for the past 19 years, relies heavily on good friends to step up and operate an



hour or two each week on air. They enjoy the time spent welcoming friends, old and new, into our nets. All it takes is the volunteering spirit to get on air and talk to some of the friendliest people on the 40 meter band.

If you would like to help out and be part of our continuing tradition, please contact our net scheduler, Walt-KB3LGO today.

Our mascot, the "Taz" wishes everyone a



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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



NEWSLETTER February 2023

Congratulations to the "1721 roundtable net" Celebrating 21 years of operation!

Our group meets every evening, 7 days a week at 8 pm EST on the 160 meter "Gentleman's Band" Tune in on 1.871 MHz , grab a cup of coffee and tell everyone about your day. Topics vary each night from food to nuclear physics. Come in and put your nickel on the table.



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A HAM'S AT HOME



IN CAR



OR 'CASTLE' WITH A KWM-1



For further information, check number 1 on page 136.

Looking at this late 50's Collins advertisement, it makes me wonder how the old cars ran those power hungry boat anchors. Vehicles at the time had 30-40 amp DC generators, barely enough to run the lights and am radio inside. I do remember, years ago, running a tube rig in my Volkswagen with its 30 amp generator. The VW actually slowed down and strained to keep the transmitter going. Here is a brief look into our past and I know, we all are thankful for the much smaller transistorized rigs we operate today... Loby

Tiny Little Parts



Anyone working on electronic projects knows when taking things apart, there are literally dozens of little screws and other parts to contend with. For example, MFJ equipment is one set of devices that is constructed with all too many screws. I used to use a simple glass custard cup but I made something a bit more practical, and now the cup is back in the cupboard. I was sitting in my shack, munching on one of those mini pies when I looked at the aluminum pie plate I was about to discard. I took the plate, cleaned it and using super-glue, glued down a spare shower curtain magnet in the center. To strengthen the plate, I put it on top of a water glass and folded down the edges.



This magnetic tray worked well in my radio shack. I would drop screws, washers nuts and bolts into the plate and the magnet captures them all, not losing any. I made a second one to use in my basement train room, to hold parts from my Lionel train repairs and maintenance. Here too it is a welcome addition to the repair table.



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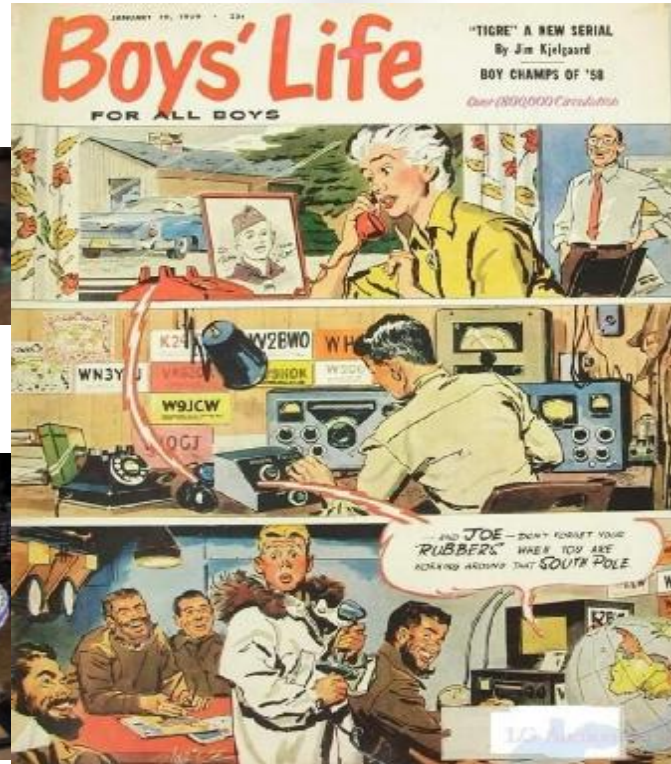
Loby-WA2AXZ



Cover of Boy's Life

January 1959 issue

These were much simpler times but the message from mom echoes through the ages...



Passing

Jim Wolf - N1JC

January 20, 2023



Jim was one of our NCS's and had been experiencing health problems. He went into the hospital to get tested for a partial leg amputation and doctors discovered, along with his other problems, he had heart failure along with a case of Covid. Jim had a great presence on air and will be missed by us all. Condolences may be sent through the Funeral Home website at: <https://www.ccshepherd.com/obituaries> or directly to his XYL Judy at: judithwolf322@hotmail.com

Passing



Arthur Suhr - N2BJL

April 30, 1954 - January 8, 2023

It's my sad duty to announce the passing of one of our long time Chew members. Art Suhr was on air with us for the almost two decades of our operations, and served several years as a Net Control Operator. His presence on air only matched his actual height, as our founder Russ-K1LRB stated, "he was our gentle giant."

I was at his QTH several times over the years helping him repair rigs and installing his antennas in the trees. We'd laugh as he said he was too big to climb trees so he sent me instead. Art loved the friends he spoke with on air and now those who remember him has a tear in their eyes at the loss of a good friend and amateur radio operator.

Art was divorced but had a sister and other relatives. At the time of death he was in between a move to North Carolina from Long Island. Condolences may be sent to the Suhr Family via the "Share a Memory" tab on the funeral website below:

<https://brueggemannfh.com/obituaries/arthur-robert-suhr-jr/>
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Experience... Scott-W3WEL



A few days ago a wicked number of thunder storms hit the Georgia area, drenching the land and causing mas-

sive power outages. Here is his story of what happened to him and his neighbor.

Around 2014, after moving a bit further out in the country as I was looking for healthy food. I met Shalley Carrell at a local farmers market, and after two visits I realized she was not selling bison, commonly called buffalo, but is not, she was actually selling water buffalo which is a common work and meat animal in Asia and India. I fell in love with the flavor and



Scott with a few friends.

the fact it has no intra-muscular fat or trans-fats, just subcutaneous fat. The meat is very lean. I struck a friendship and began to help David and Shalley with their livestock. Wow what a learning experience it is from a kid of the suburbs, hi hi... At first I could hardly stand the smell of the pasture and manure, but now I can hardly smell it at all. We do lots of work like sorting, castrating, tagging and much more, along with herding them from place to place and chasing them down when they get out on the loose, which they do from time to time.

For the most part they are tame since most are raised from birth or known Dave and I for a decade or more on the older cows. Occasionally David will get one that is just plain crazy, and they can be deadly dangerous, an animal with a bad attitude, most all those get processed and eaten first. *One doesn't want to be attacked by 2,000 pounds of angry pot-roast!*

So on a stormy Wednesday, January 4 morning, I was waiting on 40m 7.060 for a CW sked with John, K2YN. I had called out a time or two and was just waiting. Then at 9:59 the phone rang and David said "I need help! "I need a ride as the Buffalo are out and their fence is blown out from the storm!"

Now earlier in the year David was kicked in the eye/head by a Llama, and is still blind in one eye so he does not drive yet. Also picked up his dad, which is



Llamas peeking out over the hill.

in is 80s and lives next door.

They were able to persuade the renegade buffs off the road back into the pasture. With a lot of elbow grease we patched up the 40 foot wide hole in the fence, caused by a rising creek hurling debris into the fence, laying it over.

We were working in muddy water waist deep, and I was only wearing just tennis shoes at this



time and getting sucked up in gray clay... ugg.

Scotty took several photos and a video of the unfolding scene and has shared them with us. Scott is happy to report that today,



the water and mud has subsided and the water buffalo herd is safely penned into their secure area, enjoying a bounty of grass to graze upon, and enjoying life.

Passing, Richard Vaughn

KC4VIF December 1-2022

Richard-KC4VIF (White Cap) and his brother Tom-AG4BT were fixtures at our annual



Dayton gatherings. Everyone had great times around the campfire, trading stories and experiences. Condo-

lences maybe sent to the family and Tom at:
Vaughn Family 1856 Oak Heights
Jonestand Rd Dixon, KY 42409 and Thomas
H Vaughn 306 Country Club Meadows Dr
Providence, KY 42450